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In re patent application of Muller

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For: PREPARATION IN FORM OF A MATRIX-AUXILIARY AGENT COMPOUND
CONTAINING OPTIONALLY AN ACTIVE SUBSTANCE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~10~~, ~~13~~, ~~15~~, ~~16~~ and ~~19-24~~, and ~~26-30~~ without prejudice.

Please amend claims ~~9~~, ~~25~~ and ~~31-36~~ as follows:

Sub #1 G1
(9) (Amended) Formulation according to claim 38, wherein the matrix material phase comprises at least one of a polyacrylate, a polymethacrylate, a cellulose derivative, a naturally occurring polymer, and a naturally occurring lipid.

Sub #1 Cont G2
(25) (Amended) Formulation according to claim 38, wherein the matrix material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of synthetic mono-, di- and triglycerides as individual substances or in a mixture, hydrogenated fat, glycerol tri-fatty acid esters, glycerol trilaurate, glycerol myristate, glycerol palmitate, glycerol stearate and glycerol behenate, cetyl palmitate, cera alba and beeswax.

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31. (Amended) Formulation according to any one of claims 37 and 38, wherein the

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